

Remarks

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the rejection and further examination are requested.

Claims 21-24, 32 and 33 have been indicated as containing allowable subject matter. The Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for this indication of allowable subject matter.

Claims 16-18 and 25-31 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101. In order to address this rejection, claims 16 and 17 have been amended to recite that the setting steps occur in a setting unit. Therefore, it is apparent that the setting steps are tied to a particular apparatus. As a result, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §101 is respectfully requested.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that there are issues remaining which must be resolved before allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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